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NJMC to Reopen Trash Transfer Station in North Arlington

Agreement Provides Financial Benefits for Borough

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission today signed a lease agreement to reopen the Commission’s trash transfer station in North Arlington, an arrangement that will provide significant financial assistance to the borough. North Arlington will receive a host community fee from the operation and is entitled to free dumping of its municipal waste at the facility, a service that saved the borough \$600,000 in 2008.

“Reopening the transfer station is a great development for North Arlington residents that will bring considerable tax savings to the borough,” said Lori Grifa, Acting Chairman of the NJMC and Acting Commissioner of the state Department of Community Affairs. “The NJMC worked very hard to secure a viable company to operate the facility in a tough economic environment.”

The NJMC signed a 10-year lease agreement with Environmental Logistic Services of Bridgewater to run the transfer station – commonly known as the baler – which has been closed since 2009. North Arlington will receive \$2 per ton in host community fee payments for the first two years of the lease. The fee would be increased to \$2.25 per ton starting in the third year of the lease if tonnage collected exceeds 1,000 tons per day based on 250 operating days per year. The NJMC worked closely with North Arlington officials to develop a term sheet that would be favorable to the borough and attract a qualified operator.

The NJMC worked diligently to keep the baler operating as long as possible during the economic downturn. The Commission even suffered a financial loss under the former vendor in an effort to ensure the baler stayed open through 2008, and twice widely solicited bids to reopen the facility, going above and beyond what the law required, before negotiating a contract with Environmental Logistic Services.

The NJMC has also given North Arlington more than \$2 million in direct financial aid since 2003 that has allowed the borough to improve municipal services and lessen the tax burden on residents. In addition the Commission has provided the borough with professional assistance on planning issues and access to its heavy equipment pool. Through its Municipal Solar Assistance program the NJMC recently performed rooftop assessments on borough schools to determine if they are suitable for solar panels that would provide energy cost savings.

“The NJMC is dedicated to helping District municipalities whenever we can and we are pleased that our efforts on behalf of North Arlington have reached a positive outcome,” said Robert Ceberio, the NJMC’s executive director. “We are eager to see the baler reopened and the financial benefits it will bring to North Arlington.”

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